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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-4. (canceled).
- 5. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:

aAn image-forming apparatus; and

a toner; wherein:

the image-forming apparatus comprises comprising: an oil-less fixing unit comprising a main heating member and a pressing member; and a toner,

wherein the toner has an initial relaxation modulus G (t=0.01) (Pa) at 120°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec), of G (t=0.01) [Pa] \geq 1.0x10⁵ [Pa]; and a ratio of G (t=0.01) (Pa) to G (t=0.1) (Pa) at 180°C, in relaxation time of 0.1 sec, of [G (t=0.01)/G (t=0.1)] \geq 20;

the main heating member is in contact with the side of a recording medium opposite to the side on which the toner is provided to fix the toner at a nip part of the main heating member and the pressing member; and

the main heating member and the pressing member define a boundary surface thereof, and the boundary surface takes a configuration protruding toward the side of the main heating member.

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6. (previously presented): The image-forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 3 wt.% or less.

7. (currently amended): An image forming system comprising:

Aan image-forming apparatus; and

a toner; wherein:

the image forming apparatus comprises comprising: an oil-less fixing unit comprising a main heating member and a pressing member; and a toner;

wherein the toner has an initial relaxation modulus G (t=0.01) (Pa) at 120°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec), of G (t=0.01) [Pa] \geq 1.0x10⁵ [Pa]; and a initial relaxation modulus G (t=0.01) (Pa) at 180°C, in relaxation time of 0.01 (sec), of G (t=0.01) [Pa] \geq 1.0x10⁴ [Pa];

the main heating member is in contact with the side of a recording medium opposite to the side on which the toner is provided to fix the toner at a nip part of the main heating member and the pressing member; and

the main heating member and the pressing member define a boundary surface thereof, and the boundary surface takes a configuration protruding toward the side of the main pressing member.

8. (previously presented): The image-forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the toner contains a release agent in an amount of 3 wt.% or less.